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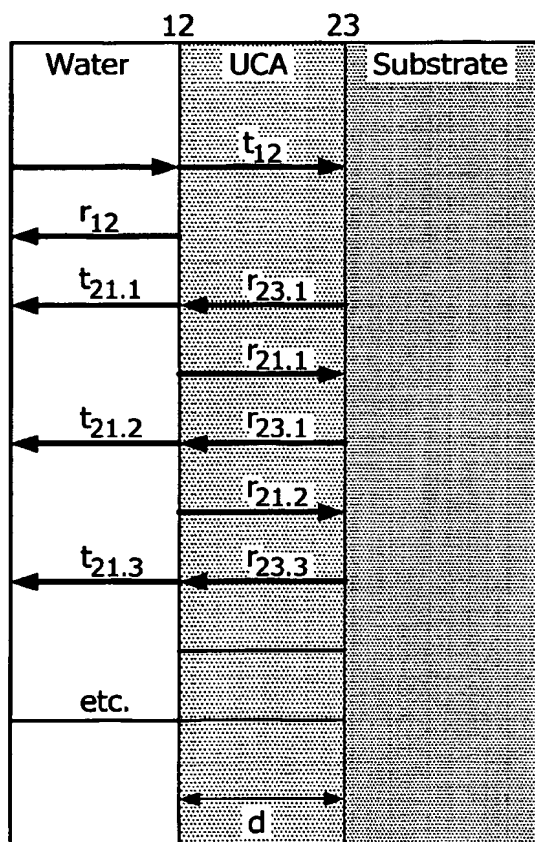
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a new type of contrast agent which comprises metal nano-particles as well as the method of imaging therewith. The metal nano-particles are stable, biocompatible and can be coupled to bio-target-specific molecules for targeted visualization.

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